

The expression in the faces of the past and present woman indicates a change. A certain noted physician, on receiving a new case, always calls for earlier and later photographs of his patient, that he may compare the changes wrought in the course of years, which may have contributed to the present condition. Such a gallery of portraits might help in a diagnosis of our modern woman. The pen and equipoise, the hauteur, united with unconsciousness of self, are all gone. The face of to-day is stamped with restlessness, wandering purpose, and self-consciousness. The religious aspect has vanished from conversation. A modern "lunch" affords opportunity for testing ordinary feminine talk, which is never bad or vulgar, on the whole not even frivolous, but is marked by superficiality in its discussion of novels and subjects, though showing great familiarity with all known and to be known publications. Each woman could talk far better than she does, if she were not hampered by self-consciousness. An Englishwoman said, "At home politics and party measures are discussed at our ladies' lunches, but in America one must first go to a circulating library before accepting a noontide invitation." Lately, suffrage has become a feature of conversation with us, but in a humorous or questioning vein rather than in an argumentative or serious manner, except with the one-sided, earnest souls who can feel no charm in the "touch-and-go" style of refined society. Gossip—not scandal—and allusions to conventional modes of philanthropy take the place of discussion of yesterday's sermon or the last Congressional debate. If one wishes a foreigner to form a favorable opinion of women, apart from any special vocation they may have, he should be invited to a ladies' lunch, pure and simple, and he will be compelled to admit that our American women are easy, brilliant, kindly, cultivated, and altogether charming. But he will read restlessness in many a face, will notice an *empressment* of manner, a little hurry in the gait, quick tones of voice, a business air, suggestive of the surmise that all these women are "in" or "at something." The leisurely, graceful element is wanting.

Society has grown so complex in both town and country that it is difficult to assert any universal predilection of either, without fear of contradiction. The New England woman should be taken as the largest representative of the whole country, because the Southern woman is minus her driving qualities, plus an added grace and piquant deportment; and the Western woman is minus the Southern charm and the New England self-consciousness and morbid conscientiousness, plus an active self-assertion that has already resulted in successful individual and concerted measures. In all these women, however, "progressive desire," the one characteristic that separates the human from the animal race, has made havoc, till now we have a few marked features, constituting the battle-ground on which will be fought out the results of this emancipation from old lines of conduct. —Kate Gannett Wells, in the *Atlantic Monthly*.

MAKING a joke is like spinning a top. If it doesn't come down on its point it will not spin. —N. Y. Herald. That's a tip-top simile. —N. Y. News. Peg away! We are right there hum on this sort of thing. —Boston Journal of Commerce. Spin a long time we've been called upon to publish such jokes as these. This is a lively whirled, isn't it? —Modern Argosy. We have concluded not to string this subject out any farther, button the whole have concluded to take another turn. —Jacob Strauss. Oh! stop this hum-bug; this spin has revolved until it has got top be a topographical nuisance. —New York Commercial Advertiser.

GILHOOLY met a defeated candidate who is a chronic politician yesterday, and sought to console him, saying: "You ought to be glad you are beaten, for now you can drop politics and go into some legitimate business." "I was thinking of that," sighed the candidate, "if I could only get credit enough I should like to engage in mercantile pursuits and fail on twenty cents on the dollar. That would set me up in public estimation." —Galveston News.

THE New Hebrides, where the British have lately established a coaling station, with the ultimate intent, as the French newspapers not unreasonably suspect, of annexing the islands, are in the Pacific Ocean, to the northeast of Caledonia, and to the west of the Fijis, and are considered the most westerly part of Polynesia. The islands comprise Espiritu Santo, sixty-five miles long by twenty broad; Mallicollo, sixty by twenty-eight miles; Ambrym, Annatom, Erromango, Tanna, having an active volcano, and Aurora, all much smaller. Most of the group are well wooded and hilly, some even mountainous. The most valuable woods are sandal and ebony; the chief vegetable products yams, sweet potatoes, cucumbers, bananas, coconuts, and the sole animal of consequence a small hog, which is no bigger at maturity than a rabbit. The area of the group is estimated at 25,000 square miles, and the population at 230,000. The inhabitants, fierce, but indolent and filthy, are of the Papuan race. They, like other Papuans, are generally well formed, have regular features, intelligent black eyes, small white teeth, curly hair, thick lips, and large mouths. Their noses are sharp, though flat beneath, nostrils wide, and their skin dark brown. They are often taller than Europeans, but their legs are long and thin, and they have the splay foot of the negro. The men build the huts, hollow trunks of trees into canoes, hunt and fish; while the women till the fields, make mats, cut wood, and do the heaviest work. Their food is fish, fruit, birds, and the flesh of the wild hogs. Their weapons are mainly clubs and bows and arrows. The hair of the men is generally frizzled out into a large mop; but the hair of the women is always cut short. The natives of the New Hebrides have often been called cannibals; but it is very questionable if they are such. They differ in many respects from the Papuans of New Guinea, and seem, on the whole, to be rather inferior to them. Nevertheless, they are declared by all ethnologists to be of the same race, and in no direct manner related to the Malays, Polynesians, or Australians, who, with the Papuans, compose the four types of the human family occupying what is known as the Oceanic region. If the English should annex the New Hebrides, the aborigines would very soon disappear.

Noureddin Agha, chief of the imperial eunuchs, who died recently at Constantinople, is said to have exercised for more than thirty years undoubted sway over his imperial master's harems, and to have been dreaded and respected only next to the Grand Vizier. Having access at all times to the Sultan's ears, his influence was enormous. Together with the Grand Vizier and members of the reigning family, the Agha of the imperial eunuchs enjoyed the title of Highness, and took precedence over other functionaries in the empire. Selim Agha, chief eunuch of the ex-Khedive of Egypt, was able, during his tenure of office under that most lavish of sovereigns, to amass a large fortune by taking bribes from clients and grants from Ismail Pasha. On his death, which took place at Djeddah, on the Red Sea, while he was on a pilgrimage to Mecca and Medina, his papers showed him to be the possessor of cash and titles amounting to more than \$750,000, and land in various parts of Cairo and the Feddan to the amount of almost thirty thousand acres.

Commander Cheyne, R. N., well known as the leading spirit in the projected balloon exploration of the polar regions, expresses himself as convinced that the failure of Sir John Franklin's expedition was due to starvation, brought about by the fraud of a contractor supplying the party with preserved meats which could not be eaten. He cites several instances in which the meats put up by this contractor have been found to be simply preserved filth, totally unfit for food, more than five tons having been thrown overboard on one occasion from a vessel in the Arctic seas.

[Cleveland Leader.]
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